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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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CARTELISATION IN BIDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether BPL had alleged cartelisation in cellular bids and demanded to call afresh the entire process of licence bidding for cellular phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on the allegation of cartelisation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The bidding for the Fourth Cellular License was a three stage process of informed ascending bidding and was completely an open and transparent process. However, M/s BPL did not participate in the bidding process.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.